

California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Lahontan Region



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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR TAHOE SIERRA GROUP TO RECEIVE PROPOSITION 50 INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT (IRWM) SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FROM DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (DWR)

I am pleased to offer my support for the DWR'S staff recommendation of \$2,115,272 from the Proposition 50 IRWM Supplemental Funding Implementation Grant to fund the Tahoe Sierra IRWM Group's proposal. The suite of seven projects in this proposal will provide multiple water resource benefits to the Lake Tahoe, Truckee and Carson River watersheds in the Lahontan Region.

The comprehensive watershed management described in the Tahoe Sierra IRWM proposal includes implementation efforts that will help reduce pollutant loading into impaired water bodies such the Truckee River and Lake Tahoe. The proposal includes restoration of riparian areas, control and reduction of nonpoint source pollution, flood management and control, water conservation measures and water supply improvements. These types of projects are crucial to the watersheds in our Region.

I am very impressed with the leadership role of the Tahoe Sierra Group in developing and implementing its IRWM activities in our Region. This Group has done exceptional work in helping stakeholders to understand the IRWM process and is successfully implementing its IRWM plan. Grant support from DWR will help the Tahoe Sierra Group continue this important work.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at HSinger@waterboards.ca.gov or at (530) 542-5412 if you would like to discuss this further.

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